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I am writing to encourage adoption of the rule allowing tape or digital recording of a witness. I have been an attorney for 30 years practicing in Vancouver, Clark County Washington. We have had an informal rule allowing such recording and it has been a great cost savings and never traumatized a witness. Children witness are very used to electronic devices and are no means intimidated by them. I also have two children (age 26 and 19) and can speak with experience when I say children grow up with these devices. I have probably interviewed over 100 child victims without a problem recording. save money because it is accurate and cheap. With out it to provide effective assistance of counsel and investigator or court reporter would have to be present and for indigent defendant's that would be at public expense.

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